

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-47 were pending in this application. Claims 25-29, 36, 39, 40 and 43 have been amended and claims 1-24 and 37 have been canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 25-36 and 38-47 will be pending.

The claims canceled herein were canceled without prejudice in order to expedite prosecution of the remaining claims and issuance of a patent. Applicant reserves the right, and intends, to file a continuation application to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims at a later date.

The specification and drawings were objected to as lacking correspondence between reference characters. It is believed that the amendments to the specification and drawings herein corrects these issues. No new matter has been added.

Claim 18 was objected to for an informality. Cancellation of this claim moots this objection.

Claims 1-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Latif *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,400,730) in view of Pothapragada (U.S. Patent No. 6,389,432).

It is respectfully asserted that the cited references, either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the limitations of the pending claims. For example, these references fail to teach the limitations of "transferring the first block of data directly to the first client device from the first controller device," or "sending a synchronization message from the first controller device to the second controller device," or "in response to the synchronization message, transferring the second block of data directly to the first client device from the second controller device" as recited in claim 30. These limitations are directed to an aspect of the invention whereby data is provided to the client device by multiple (*e.g.*, two or more) controllers operating in parallel, for example, as described in the specification beginning at page 22, line 5 through page 23, line 33. Such aspects provide advantages over the prior art, such as increasing the amount of concurrent streaming requests deliverable at any given time.

Similarly, the cited references fail to teach or suggest the limitation of "controlling, by the first controller device, the delivery of the requested streaming data directly to

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 7. In particular, Fig. 7 was amended to change "141" to "14" as per the specification, and to include a reference "1" as per the specification. This sheet, which includes Figs. 7 and 8 replaces the original sheet including Figs. 7 and 8.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

the first client device over the data communication network by **both** the first controller device and a second controller device" (emphasis added) as is recited in claim 39.

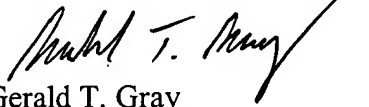
The Examiner has not pointed to any teachings in the references of these limitation recited in claims 30 and 39, and Applicants assert that there are no such teachings.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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